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INTRODUCTION OF INJECTIBLE POLIO VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the first time Injectible Polio Vaccines (IPVs) are going to be introduced in the country as reported in the Economic Times dated November 14, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which vaccines are likely to be introduced in the country; and

(d) the efforts being made to strengthen our R and D on different Vaccines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Countries which have eradicated Polio are using Injectible Polio Vaccines (IPVs) for their immunization programmes. Therefore, Injectible Polio Vaccines (IPVs) will be used only after the polio is eradicated from the country.

(d) The Pastaur Institute of India, Coonoor has taken up Research and Development on combination vaccine i.e. coupling DPT group of vaccine with Hepatitis B so that it can be used in EPI programme.

Research and Development work to adopt Japanese Encephalitis virus on vero cell line is being carried out for manufacture of Tissue Culture Japanese Encephalitis vaccine.

Research and Development work is also initiated to explore the possibility of producing Antibodies against the rabies virus in embrionated Hens Egg.

M/s. Panacea Biotech have been permitted for carrying out research and development activity in respect of IPV.